

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist
appeared in the
desert proclaiming
a baptism of
repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.

- Mk 1:4

December 6, 2020

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon
M, T, TH, F 8:30 a.m. Church
Holy Day 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Holiday 9:00 a.m. (Consult Bulletin)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Hall)

New Parishioners

New parishioners are most welcome
at Holy Spirit Parish.

Please register by calling the office at 440-933-3777.

Parish School of Religion Classes (P.S.R.)

Pre-school, Kindergarten through Grade 8
(Contact Terri Pastura)

Youth Groups

Jr. High (Grades 6, 7, 8)
Sunday 6:00 p.m. (St. Joseph Parish)
Sr. High (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)
Sunday 7:30 p.m. (Holy Spirit Parish)

Confirmation Preparation

Grades 9-12 (Contact Sarah Hamski)

Parish Staff

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P.S.R. / Youth Ministry440-933-8818
Catholic Credit Union440-933-2524

Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Pre-Baptism instructions are required.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Pre-Cana Program and Couples Ministry are required. Please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal celebration yearly. Please call the office to arrange for visitation of the sick on Sundays and First Fridays at home or to advise of those in the hospital.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.):

We welcome any adult interested in learning about the Catholic faith to call the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday, 2:00–4:00 p.m. (*Chapel of the Holy Family*)

Rosary:

~~Recited each weekday at 8:00 a.m. before Mass.~~

Watch the bulletin for updates on when Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary prayers will resume.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Our Parish Life—Holy Spirit Parish celebrates and remembers the events of our parish family. Please keep the following people in your prayers as we are all called to be brothers and sisters in Christ.

Holy Spirit Remembers: Our prayers are with the family and friends of *James Grospitch and Thomas Bednar*. May the gift of eternal life be theirs.

Prayers for the Sick: Please pray for: Aaron Evilsizor, Nora Lally, Richard Stofear, Lucy Janoush, Susan Beckett, Jake Olsavsky, Ann Grossman, Rob Noland, Steve Zgurich, Glenna Reno, Terry Fleming, Tim Matsik, Jim Strickland, Thomas Schneider, Dorothy Boehnlein, Bill and Kay Pirnat, Rosa Maria Santos, Meredith McCartney Singer, David Kohl, Elayne Lewis, Linda and Doug Biesterveld, Grace Slarsgarten, Daniel John Zimmerman, Holland Neifer, Grace Penkala, Viola Free, Joanne Jubach, Vanessa Scott, Patricia Flynn, Alex Noland, Kathy Graham, Liz Elliott, Kevin Graham, Brian Grace, Paul Mitchell, Robert Sanson, Richard Hepp, Jim Novak, Pam Bouffard, Lois Woodward, Tina Morbito, Vera Snell, Fletcher Rollinson, Scott Pugh, George Shepherd, Jim Bizjak, Marilyn Brodke, Melissa Goode, Jack and Susan Storm, Susan Fain, Lisa and Mark Rose, Peggy Montgomery Hedgpeth Barbara Moody, Kate Slack, and all the sick.

From the Pastor

"The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past and every sinner has a future." —Oscar Wilde.

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the publishing deadlines for the bulletin around the Thanksgiving holiday and some personal time away, this is my first chance to address the McCarrick Report. This was a study done at the request of the Vatican on how Theodore McCarrick could have risen to be the Archbishop of Washington and a Cardinal while at the same time having a history of inappropriate relationships and later being accused of the sexual abuse of a minor. McCarrick is now Mr. McCarrick, having been removed from the clerical state, meaning he cannot present himself as a priest or function as one, except if a dying person needs to be absolved of sins.

One issue that comes to the fore was the role of Pope John Paul II. McCarrick rose to prominence while John Paul was the pope. There are many theories on how this happened. One fact is that the accusations around McCarrick were at the time only rumors. Some say that John Paul grew up in a Communist country, Poland, where scandalous rumors were used to discredit clergy, and so was reluctant to believe. Another is that McCarrick—proven to be a master manipulator—proclaimed his innocence, and was believed.

Because of his role in the matter, *The National Catholic Reporter* is asking the US bishops to downplay celebration of St. John Paul. (But, then again, the very left-leaning *Reporter* often tries to down play JPII's papacy and accomplishments.). Yet, he is a saint.

This brings up a couple of points for our consideration: One is that the Church does not make saints—God does. Canonization is merely the formal acknowledgement of God's work. In fact it is said that canonization is one of the places where the Church proclaims something infallibly. When someone says N. shouldn't be a saint (a popular view among the anti-theists about Mother Theresa), I tell them, "Take it up with God."

If God made John Paul II a saint despite having made some bad judgements, it gives all of us hope. No saint was perfect, save the Blessed Mother. That is why I say that the most dangerous books we can read are the Lives of the Saints, especially the dictionary-like one. They distill the life of a saint down into a paragraph. What is usually left out is the saint's challenges. Some we know, St. Jerome could be a curmudgeon. No saint was perfect. Some made bad decisions. None of us are perfect. We make some poor decisions. We can be irritable, we can be crabby. But God doesn't give up. We all have hope of becoming saints, which should be our goal. But we need God and need to cooperate with God, He's the one who makes saints.

Sincerely,

Rev. Charles F. Strebler,
Pastor



Christmas Wish List and Sharing Tree 2020

Sponsored by the Holy Spirit Ladies Guild

Handling our Christmas project during a pandemic is going to be a challenge but we have worked out a way to do it. The plan is to provide gifts for children and handicapped adults at our sister parish of St. Boniface, CRS Santa's Workshop, 4 group homes from Our Lady of the Wayside, and 50 children whose parents are in prison. We will do all of this and still

keep our parishioners and volunteers safe!

Here's the plan:

Wish List tags and mittens will be posted on bulletin boards in Fr. Mosovsky Hall starting November 14. The early start date is to give our parishioners extra time to shop. Fr. Mosovsky Hall will be open during the week starting Saturday, November 14 through Friday, December 11 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may go to Fr. Mosovsky Hall before and after Saturday afternoon Mass and Sunday morning Masses also. Those who can pick up tags and mittens during the week are encouraged to do so. Please be patient—we can only have a few people in the Hall at one time.

Please shop for and wrap gifts as early as possible. When the gifts are ready to return, please take them to Fr. Mosovsky Hall and our volunteers will sort them. The Hall will have signs to direct you where to place the gifts. Please return the **CRS gifts by December 6 and all the other gifts no later than Monday, December 14—earlier is always a help!**

Masks and social distancing are required. Our volunteers will be fewer this year, so please be patient with us.

Thank you for your generosity! This program is so important to so many children and adults. We can do this in a manner that keeps everyone safe!

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
(Is 40:3)

PSALM:

Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

SECOND READING:

The day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be found
out. (2 Pt 3:10)

GOSPEL:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs
of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:7b-8)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Friday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Saturday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of MARY

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REFLECT

FIRST READING:

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah prophesied these words of comfort and hope to the Israelites captive in Babylon. What would bring comfort and hope to you in this season of Advent?

SECOND READING:

Today we hear how Peter challenged those in his day who denied that Christ would return. Peter argued that our human timeline is not God's timeline. How do you reason with people today who deny the fundamentals of our faith?

GOSPEL:

Mark opens his Gospel by presenting the words and activities of John the Baptist in the context of fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy heard in our first reading. Why do you think connecting Isaiah to John the Baptist was important to Mark and his community?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements



about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when He comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or

someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for Him to come again? If not, why not?

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

- Mk 1:2b-3

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Local businesses and sponsors that advertise on bulletins need you now more than ever before. Please encourage and remind others to show their support during this time.

Contribution Report

November 15, 2020 Collection	\$7,372.50	99 envelopes used
Repairs & Improvements	\$75.00	12 envelopes used
Direct Debit Donations	\$252.50	8 Donations
November 22, 2020 Collection	\$5,146.00	80 envelopes used
Human Development	\$537.00	18 envelopes used
Repairs & Improvements	\$226.00	8 envelopes used
Direct Debit Donations	\$252.50	8 Donations
Food Bank Donations	\$125.00	Thank You!
November 29, 2020 Collection	\$3,730.00	82 envelopes used
Repairs & Improvements	\$510.00	9 envelopes used
Direct Debit Donations	\$252.50	8 Donations

We are now building up our fund total: the current R & I project total is now \$27,416. Thank you for the generosity of so many!

Thank you to all who contribute in both large and small ways to Holy Spirit Parish. Your help is greatly appreciated!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Jubilant to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8, 2020—Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass—Monday, December 7, 2020
6:30 p.m. (at St. Joseph Parish, Avon Lake)

Holyday Mass—Tuesday, December 8, 2020
8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (at Holy Spirit Parish)

Holy Spirit Parish invites you to attend the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Mass.

This day is normally a holy day of obligation but because of Covid-19 the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed. If you are unable to attend Mass in person, Holy Spirit Parish will broadcast the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 8th. You can go to www.hspal.org to find the link to connect you to any of our live streamed Masses.



"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!



Holy Spirit Ladies Guild

Christmas is coming quickly and The Holy Spirit Ladies Guild wants to remind everyone that SANTA'S WORKSHOP (CRS) gifts are due SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th. We also want to remind you that our SHARING TREE, YELLOW MITTENS & BLUE MITTENS are due by DECEMBER 13th.

The Ladies Guild wants to thank all of our parishioners for their generous help in making this Christmas Sharing Tree a success.



The Holy Spirit Ladies Guild will be unable to meet in December due to the pandemic. Our December meetings have always been a lot of fun. They've also included our BIRTHRIGHT Shower. Since we are unable to meet this year, you can still contribute to the BIRTHRIGHT Shower by bringing your baby gifts to the parish office where there is a decorated box. Please bring your gifts from December 1st to the 17th. We will then deliver all items to Birthright in Elyria. Thanks so much for remembering our little ones during this holiday season.

YOUTH MINISTRY

As we start to see more and more events
cancelling and school online, know that we're
still here for you!
Feel free to reach out any time!
shamski@hspal.org
mgrecol@stjosephavonlake.org

JR. HIGH (SALT LITE):

GroupMe Mafia: Our GroupMe Jr. High and High School-wide game of Mafia is back for the 3rd Month in a row! There are still ways to join in on this game as well as let us know you want in for the next one- email mgrecol@stjosephavonlake.org.

Dec. 6th Lite Night Meeting is on and in person as of publishing of this bulletin-BUT-Due to the recent rise in cases, please check Jr. High YM pages on Holy Spirit or St. Joseph's website prior to leaving the house!

HIGH SCHOOL (SALT):

Insight Night-Sundays 7:30-9:30pm Via lifesize

What is Insight Night? It's where anyone in High School is welcome to come join us as we talk about things that are important to us [and important but not necessarily on topic] Link to calls come via Remind (see below!)

December 6: Good Grief

Digital Drop-In

Join us for our usual chaos and games with friends as you end your school day!

Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm via Lifesize

Have you seen our Instagram? Take a look for quarantine tips, general encouragement, and spraypaint. (Look down!)

JOIN OUR REMIND LIST FOR...REMINDERS...TEXT 81010 TO @88GEF8



@holyspiritymavonlake

Lifelong Faith Formation

Advent Spiritual Growth

Printed and Electronic Resources Available

We have prepared a variety of helps for the Advent and Christmas spiritual journey and packed them into a “Covid-19 friendly” distribution system. The bag includes items for personal use as well as family/group activities. Perhaps you can Facetime or Zoom your entire family and bless all of your Christmas Trees at the same time!

You can simply drive up to the parish office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and honk your horn during the week and a masked staff member will bring the bag out to your car. If you can't come out, call the parish office and we will arrange to have a bag dropped at your door!

We will continue to send out our daily electronic email. If you are not currently receiving it, call the parish office and give us your email address. We will be happy to add you to our mailing list.

Additional materials are available on our parish website: www.hspal.org. Included are items from our printed materials bag and curated resources for all ages. We will continually update these throughout Advent, so check back frequently.

Parish Advent Project

We are inviting everyone to help fill our Advent Manger with straw for Christmas. We ask you to write down your Advent sacrifices and good deeds on pieces of paper and drop them in our manger so that they can be the straw for the Christ Child on Christmas Day. If you need the Child to wrap His arms around your needs, you might drop in anonymous prayer intentions.

The Manger will be outside of the Church on the weekends and in the exterior hall of the parish office so that you can safely deposit your “straw.”

If you didn't get an Advent Resource bag or need additional paper, drop in whatever you have –straw doesn't match!



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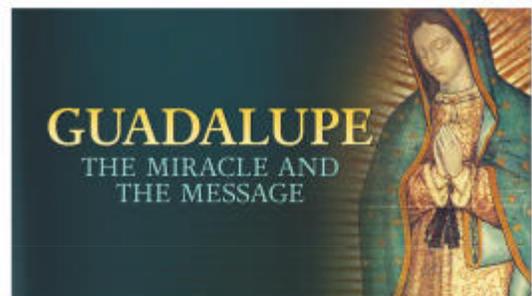
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 6, 2020

WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



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Hail Mary, Lady of Peace

We pray for the peace in our world;
make us peacemakers.

Hail Mary, Friend of Common People,

Unite us across economic lines; together let us
raise up the cause of the oppressed.

Hail Mary, Mother of Mexico,

Help us both appreciate Latin America's culture
and work to end its poverty.

Hail Mary, Mother of the Infant Jesus,

We pray for all children who are victims of
war and hunger; let us stand for them.

Hail Mary, Wife of the Carpenter, Joseph,

We pray for the rights of hardworking laborers
in all the world; let their dignity
be recognized.

Hail Mary, Woman of All Generations,

Move us to speak for the elderly who lack
adequate health care and shelter.

Hail Mary, Homeless Mother,

We pray for those without homes;
let us advocate for affordable housing.

Hail Mary, Lady of All Colors,

Show us how to love all people by
challenging racism and discrimination.

Hail Mary, Mother of Our World,

Make us global citizens, working for justice and
well-being in all the world.

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For additional prayers and other resources on global and social justice themes, please visit
Education for Justice Project at educationforjustice.org



we pray together for peace

Dios te salve, María. Llena eres de gracia,
El Señor es contigo.

Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres
Y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre: Jesús.

Santa María, Madre de Dios,
Ruega por nosotros pecadores,
Ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.

Amén

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.

Amen



Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Sunday Grief Support Will Meet On December 20, 2020

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on December 20th with limited seating for social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief. Meetings do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. You do not even have to talk, but come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand.

The December topic is: "The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone" but discussions follow whatever is on your heart. December participants are asked to bring a picture or item that brings fond memories of their departed loved one. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3 to 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (**NEW office**);
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office);
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office);
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (office);
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield (office);
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon (office).

Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. It is required that participants wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact [Rhonda](#) at 216-930-4866.

"A Closer Walk With Thee"

Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter:

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's new monthly grief support e-newsletter named, "A Closer Walk with Thee," is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, visit [Grief Support E-News signup](#), or contact [Rhonda](#) at 216-930-4866.

Social Justice Ministry

Join Us in Showing Mercy and Love This Advent

We invite you to bear witness to God's mercy by joining with others this Advent to write Christmas cards to our neglected neighbors. This project, which the Diocesan Social Justice Office is spearheading, is focused on inmates at county jails, detained youth, the local homeless, those in nursing homes, and domestic violence victims. During these difficult and isolating times, these small acts of kindness and love are needed now more than ever!

Considering the risk the pandemic poses, we cannot gather together in person to sign cards, like in years past. Instead, we ask that you "sign" cards virtually or obtain cards that you will physically sign. For the virtual option, please enter <https://tinyurl.com/dsaochristmascards> into your computer's search engine. The deadline to sign is December 15th.

The guidelines for physical cards are as follows: make sure the message is faith-filled, cheerful, compassionate, and encouraging. Briefly convey that you stand with them, care about their dignity and well-being, and wish them peace and joy this Christmas season. An example is *Merry Christmas! Jesus loves you, and I'm praying for you*. Sign the card using your first name only. No envelope, please! Because the cards may go to either men or women, include no specific salutation. Some cards will be going to the jail, so don't use bows, glitter, stamps, stickers, etc. Write with only an ordinary pen or pencil, not a marker, colored pencil, or crayon. We ask that you return your physical cards no later than December 13. They may be left at the parish office.

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner To Go:

On Wednesday, December 9, 4 to 7 p.m., the Knights of Columbus Father Ragan Council will be preparing Spaghetti Dinners for takeout. The dinner will include a generous portion of spaghetti and meatballs with red sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert. The meals can be picked up at Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road (next to B.J.'s). Cost is \$10 per meal, cash or check to Father Ragan Charitable Foundation. There will be a drive through pickup and the meals will be delivered to your car. It is preferred that you reserve meals in advance by December 8, 7 p.m., however, impromptu pickups are acceptable. For advanced orders or questions please contact Jim at 440-865-9668/sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com or John at 440-725-7369/john.pabin@gmail.com.

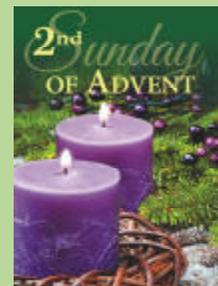
Second Sunday of Advent—December 6, 2020

If you are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here are some prayers you could say while you light its candles. You may say these before or after a meal, in the morning or evening, or whenever your household can gather together for prayer. Before you pray, read and talk over the Gospel you heard at Sunday Mass this week – Mark 1:1-8.

O God, who sent John the Baptist to proclaim a Baptism of repentance, let these two candles prepare the way for the Lord within us. Forgive our sins and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us ready to celebrate the birthday of our Savior. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Nathan Hetrick
Director of Worship and Music



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 5 / Advent Weekday
5:00 p.m.	Rosemary Arkey (Ken and Marilyn Dinard)
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 6 / Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	John C. Monosmith (Roger and Pat Mihalik)
10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Holy Spirit
12:00 p.m.	Sharick and Molzan Families (Dave and Lisa Sharick)
MONDAY	DECEMBER 7 / St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:30 a.m.	Open Intention
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 8 / Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m.	Dolores Hogan (Jane Mohr)
7:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Holy Spirit
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 9 / St. Juan Diego Cuauhlatotzin
8:30 a.m.	No Mass
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 10 / Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m.	Joe Fridenmaker (Frank Cockman and Family)
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 11 / St. St. Damasus I, Pope
8:30 a.m.	Jack Hyland (Gary Furin)
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 12 / Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:00 p.m.	Marian M. Dye (Ann Flaherty)
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 13 / Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	Al Boutin (Marti Hubert)
10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Holy Spirit
12:00 p.m.	Harold and Ruth Hansen (Laurie Scully)

Cluster Parish Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedules

St. Joseph Church—32929 Lake Rd., Avon Lake
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.
 Distribution of Communion in parking lot until 5:45 p.m.
 Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
 Distribution of Communion in parking lot until 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.
 Distribution of Communion in parking lot until 12:15 p.m.
 Sunday Afternoon Mass: 5:00 p.m. No livestream. No distribution of Communion afterwards.
 Daily Mass: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.—Communion will be offered following Mass for those who attend in person, and under the tent for those who watched from home.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3 to 4 p.m.

St. Raphael Church—525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village
 Daily Mass: Monday through Friday—9:15 a.m.
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday—3:00-4:00 p.m.

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